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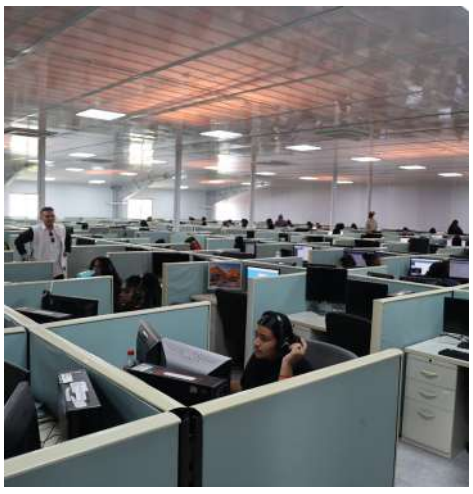
Belize's Strategic Positioning for Potentialities in The BPO Sector

The inception of the offshore outsourcing sector was one of People's United Party's mandate to diversify the Belizean economy. It began with one call centre, which opened its doors in 2005. Today it has provided employment opportunities especially for the youth population and contributed immensely to the reduction of poverty. Data from Statista indicates that worldwide in 2025 the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Industry is worth $415.73 billion with an expected growth rate of 3.39% between 2025 and 2030, potentially reaching $491.15 billion by 2030. Belize has tapped into that significantly.



During the Prime Minister, John Briceno's 2025-2026 budget address, one of the highlights was the success of the Briceño administration from Belize's Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) which was paying out approximately $150 million in salaries annually to 16,000 employees across the country. The BPOs in Belize offer a wide range of services, including customer support, data entry, financial services, tech support and telemarketing, with a clientele base, primarily in the U.S. and Canada. PM Briceño during his address recognized the sector for its contribution to the Belizean economy.

Presently, the growth of the BPO sector has been realized with the Ministry of Investment along with the IPCU, leading the charge through innovative policy directives and legislative amendments. BPOs in Belize have been recognized for their bilingual workforce, competitive wages and their favorable time zone. According to Nearshore Americas Belize has built "A reputation as one of the Nearshore's best options for high-quality service at lower cost." Additionally "…The country remains more affordable than popular destinations like Colombia and Costa Rica, while offering a workforce of native English speakers, a healthy investment environment, and a geographical proximity to the US markets". There is a myriad of other factors that continue to attract the enterprises to Belize.

Unfortunately, there has been a rising concern regarding the proposed "Keep Call Centres in America Act of 2025" in the U.S. which could significantly impact the BPO industry in other countries, including Belize, particularly in those jurisdictions that rely on contracts with U.S. entities. However, the Government of Belize (GOB) has issued a press release outlining its plan of action in preparing for the adverse potentialities as a result of the implementation of the Act by the U.S. Government. Importantly, the Ministry of Investment through its Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), has been closely monitoring information from the United States of America regarding the proposed Keep Call Centres In America Act legislation that is currently being considered.

Although there are those, especially in the irresponsible media, who are attempting to create a "The sky is falling" situation, the John Briceño administration has been proactive in ensuring that a clear path for the continued growth within the BPO industry is pursued to counteract any foreseeable negative impact on the industry. Emerging markets such as AI, cybersecurity and automation are a few of the alternatives that are being considered with the potential uncertainties within the industry. As indicated in the press release GOB has been working with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the BPO Association to prepare strategies, initiatives, and policies to upskill and add value to the BPO industry. Another initiative is being funded by the IDB is the transitioning of the BPO into a Global Digital Service (GDS) industry. On February 4, 2025, a contract was signed between IDB and Congenia CYL, SL a consultancy firm, based in Spain, to prepare Belize's Global Digital Services Investment policy, with a focus on the Orange Economy. The objective as stated in the release is to identify measures (policies and legislation), as well as programmes and activities, that will facilitate the growth of Exported Digital Services in Belize. Other alternatives being pursued are embedded in the GOB press release.

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By Hilly Bennett

Prime Minister to Lead High-Level Delegation to Trilateral Meeting in Mexico

Belmopan, August 14, 2025.

On Friday, August 15, 2025, Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño will lead a high-level delegation to Campeche, Mexico, to meet with H.E. Claudia Sheinbaum, President of the United Mexican States, and H.E. Bernardo Arévalo, President of the Republic of Guatemala, to discuss areas of mutual interest among the three neighbouring nations.

The trilateral discussions will focus on strengthening cooperation in key sectors, including energy, migration, security, the environment, agriculture, investment, infrastructure, and air connectivity. The leaders are also expected to explore opportunities linked to major regional initiatives, such as Mexico's Tren Maya project.

This high-level engagement reflects a shared commitment to cooperation among Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize, and reaffirms the collective undertaking to deepen regional integration, promote sustainable development, and ensure the shared prosperity and well-being of our peoples.

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EDITORIAL

Together Building Resilience

The 2020 planBelize, revisited in 2023 as a Mid-term Strategy, upgraded to planBelize 2.0, has not just built an economy, but a success story that now thrives across all of Belize. Our neighbours and friends around the world have noticed this economic train built in Belize, the best-kept secret. Belize is now invited to participate in billion-dollar deals, such as the Tren Maya, Shrimp to Taiwan, Solar Energy with the Saudis, and others. Diversity in agriculture is becoming the reality at grander scales. Are coconuts becoming comparable to Sugar Cane? Will Shrimp, Oranges and Rice return and surpass their former glory, as all indicators are hinting at?

The Belize Marketing and Development Corporation, a key arm within the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and Enterprise, is instrumental in this growth. The BMDC, often touted as the marketing arm, brings an innovative approach that brings unprecedented resilience to the Agriculture sector—to investors, farmers, and the very crops and livestock. The planBelize notion aims to ensure food security by ensuring the availability of food and enhancing product development and value-added goods. The actual marketing services follow after guaranteeing a quality product. This assistance goes to small agro-businesses in marketing their products, both locally and internationally. Additionally, this statutory body aims to operate sustainably in an environmentally friendly, sustainable, and economically viable manner.

The Tourism sector has taken significant steps to ensure its growth and safety. The Tourism Master Plan, Tourism Policy, and PlanBelize have been integrated to form a comprehensive National Tourism Security Strategy. This strategy focuses on building resilience within the industry by implementing various measures. These include strengthening the Tourism Police Unit (TPU) by increasing personnel by 60%, formalising a multi-agency Tourism Safety Forum for oversight and joint decision-making, deploying mobile enforcement teams across tourism corridors and high-risk zones, upgrading infrastructure like lighting, surveillance, and communications systems at key sites, enhancing training and capacity-building, and readiness for disaster and emergency contingency planning. Minister of Tourism Mahler and team have put Belize on the 'Best' charts in many travel magazines, and these efforts are aimed at sustaining this position.

In the first week of September, the 2025 Belize Investment Summit will bring all this and more to the forefront as Belize moves from proposing and requesting in BIS 2021 and 2023, to being listened to as the example to follow. Former Canadian Prime Minister Harper's suggestion that Belize is best suited to be the economic hub of the region is now coming to fruition. BIS Summit II suggested Endless Opportunities, as the globally renowned and awarded Blue Bond multiplied these opportunities. Today, the Business Processing Outsourcing industry has not just grown, but it has made Belize ready for Global Digital Services. According to a government consultancy, digitally deliverable services, including cloud computing, fintech, AI/machine learning, cybersecurity, telecom, and professional services, are experiencing rapid global growth, driven by connectivity, automation, and enterprise digitalisation. Similarly, the creative and cultural services, such as film, design, publishing, animation, music, and digital content, are increasingly seen as critical pillars for economic diversification.

Belize is experiencing a surge in its children's education, and health care is becoming more accessible to everyone. The construction industry needs more workers. As the Agriculture, Tourism, and Quaternary Industries boom, everyone is winning and demanding even more success—the very nature of excelling demands more and better skills to have a resilient Belize. Events like the Belize Investment Summit invite stakeholders in investment to attend with an open mind to make Belize a better place of peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge.

EDITORIAL

en Español

Construyendo Resiliencia Juntos.

El planBelize 2020, revisado en 2023 como estrategia a medio plazo y actualizado a planBelize 2.0, no solo ha construido una economía, sino una historia de éxito que ahora prospera en todo Belice. Nuestros vecinos y amigos de todo el mundo se han dado cuenta de este tren económico construido en Belice, el secreto mejor guardado. Belice ha sido invitado a participar en acuerdos multimillonarios, como el Tren Maya, la exportación de camarones a Taiwán, la energía solar con los saudíes y otros. La diversidad en la agricultura se está convirtiendo en una realidad a mayor escala. ¿Se están equiparando los cocos con la caña de azúcar? ¿Volverán los camarones, las naranjas y el arroz a superar su antigua gloria, como sugieren todos los indicadores?

La Corporación de Marketing y Desarrollo de Belice, una rama clave del Ministerio de Agricultura, Seguridad Alimentaria y Empresa, es fundamental para este crecimiento. La BMDC, a menudo considerada como la rama de marketing, aporta un enfoque innovador que proporciona una resiliencia sin precedentes al sector agrícola, a los inversores, a los agricultores y a los importantes cultivos y ganado. La idea del planBelize tiene como objetivo garantizar la seguridad alimentaria asegurando la disponibilidad de alimentos y mejorando el desarrollo de productos y los bienes de valor añadido. Los servicios de comercialización propiamente dichos se prestan tras garantizar la calidad del producto. Esta ayuda se destina a las pequeñas empresas agrícolas para la comercialización de sus productos, tanto a nivel local como internacional. Además, este organismo oficial tiene como objetivo operar de manera sostenible, respetuosa con el medioambiente y económicamente viable.

El sector turístico ha dado pasos importantes para garantizar su crecimiento y seguridad. El Plan Maestro de Turismo, la Política de Turismo y PlanBelize se han integrado para formar una Estrategia Nacional de Seguridad Turística integral. Esta estrategia se centra en fomentar la resiliencia dentro del sector mediante la aplicación de diversas medidas. Entre ellas se incluyen el refuerzo de la Unidad de Policía Turística (TPU) mediante un aumento del personal del 60 %, la formalización de un Foro de Seguridad Turística interinstitucional para la supervisión y la toma de decisiones conjunta, el despliegue de equipos móviles de control en los corredores turísticos y las zonas de alto riesgo, la mejora de infraestructuras como la iluminación, la vigilancia y los sistemas de comunicaciones en lugares clave, la mejora de la formación y el desarrollo de capacidades, y la preparación para la planificación de contingencias en caso de desastres y emergencias. El ministro de Turismo Mahler y su equipo han situado a Belice en las listas de «los mejores» de muchas revistas de viajes, y estos esfuerzos tienen como objetivo mantener esta posición.

En la primera semana de septiembre, la Cumbre de Inversión de Belice 2025 pondrá todo esto y mucho más en primer plano, ya que Belice pasa de proponer y solicitar en la BIS 2021 y 2023 a ser escuchado como ejemplo a seguir. La sugerencia del ex primer ministro canadiense Harper de que Belice es el más adecuado para ser el centro económico de la región se está haciendo realidad. La Cumbre BIS II sugirió «Oportunidades infinitas», ya que el Blue Bond, reconocido y premiado a nivel mundial, multiplicó estas oportunidades. Hoy en día, la industria de la externalización de procesos empresariales no solo ha crecido, sino que ha preparado a Belice para los servicios digitales globales. Según una consultora gubernamental, los servicios prestados digitalmente, como la computación en la nube, la tecnología financiera, la inteligencia artificial/aprendizaje automático, la ciberseguridad, las telecomunicaciones y los servicios profesionales, están experimentando un rápido crecimiento a nivel mundial, impulsado por la conectividad, la automatización y la digitalización de las empresas. Del mismo modo, los servicios creativos y culturales, como el cine, el diseño, la edición, la animación, la música y los contenidos digitales, se consideran cada vez más pilares fundamentales para la diversificación económica.

Belice está experimentando un auge en la educación de sus niños, y la asistencia sanitaria es cada vez más accesible para todos. El sector de la construcción necesita más trabajadores. Con el auge de la agricultura, el turismo y las industrias terciarias, todo el mundo sale ganando y exige aún más éxito: la propia naturaleza de la excelencia exige más y mejores habilidades para lograr una Belice resiliente. Eventos como la Cumbre de Inversión de Belice invitan a las partes interesadas en la inversión a asistir con una mente abierta para hacer de Belice un mejor lugar en términos de paz, justicia social, libertad, felicidad nacional, crecimiento industrial, sobriedad y conocimientos útiles.

HIV Response Gets New Partnership

GOB Strengthens commitment to enhancing healthcare for vulnerable populations

August 11, 2025

The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) and the National Health Insurance (NHI) signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance the national HIV response on August 11, 2025. The agreement was signed by Mr. Carlos Pol, Chief Executive Officer of MET, and Dr. Ramon Figueroa, General Manager of NHI, in the presence of the Honourable Dolores Balderamos, Senior Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister and Chair of the National AIDS Commission.

The MOU underscores the Government of Belize's commitment to enhancing healthcare for vulnerable populations by:

1. Providing nutritional and vitamin support for children living with HIV through the Hand in Hand Ministries support program.
2. Expanding and integrating Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) services across NHI Primary Health Care Facilities nationwide.

This initiative, financed through the Government of Belize's co-financing commitments under Global Fund Cycle 7, represents a significant step toward a more inclusive, community-driven approach to healthcare. The partnership ensures equitable access to HIV prevention, testing, and treatment for those most in need, particularly children and at-risk populations.

The Government of Belize remains steadfast in its dedication to achieving the "95-95-95" targets, reaffirming that a healthy population is the foundation of a stronger economy. (release)

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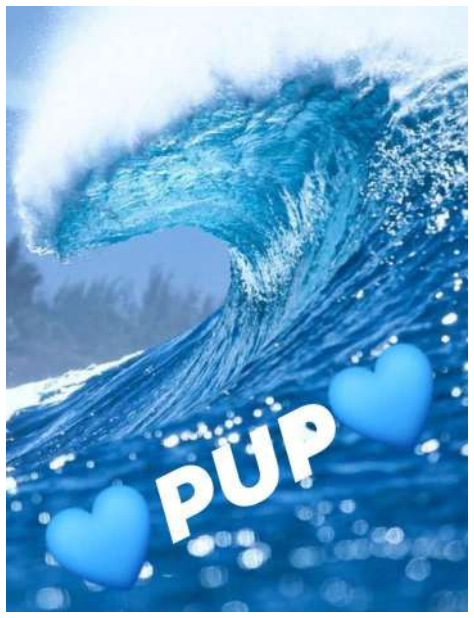

Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

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The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

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Parcel No. 5984, Block No. 16, Ladyville/ Lord's Bank Registration Section containing approximately 452.38 S.M. situate in Ladyville Village, Belize District, Belize, held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of SHAJIDAH ELIZABETH WADE.

DATED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2025

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Data Warehouse Expert

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM)
Process ID: BL-L1038 – P00106
Deadline: **August 21, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM) in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to procure the services of an Individual Consultant as a **"Data Warehouse Expert".**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested individuals to access the full version of this request for application online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their application in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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Ref: **Data Warehouse Expert (BL-L1038)** - Your name

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL)

Technical Assistance in conducting a Midterm Review of the Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM) Project in Belize

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM)
Process ID: BL-L1038 – P00062
Deadline: **August 22nd, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM) in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply to undertake the following consultancy under the Project: "**Technical assistance in conducting a Midterm Review of SPEM Project in Belize**".

Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities/ or by scanning the QR Code below. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

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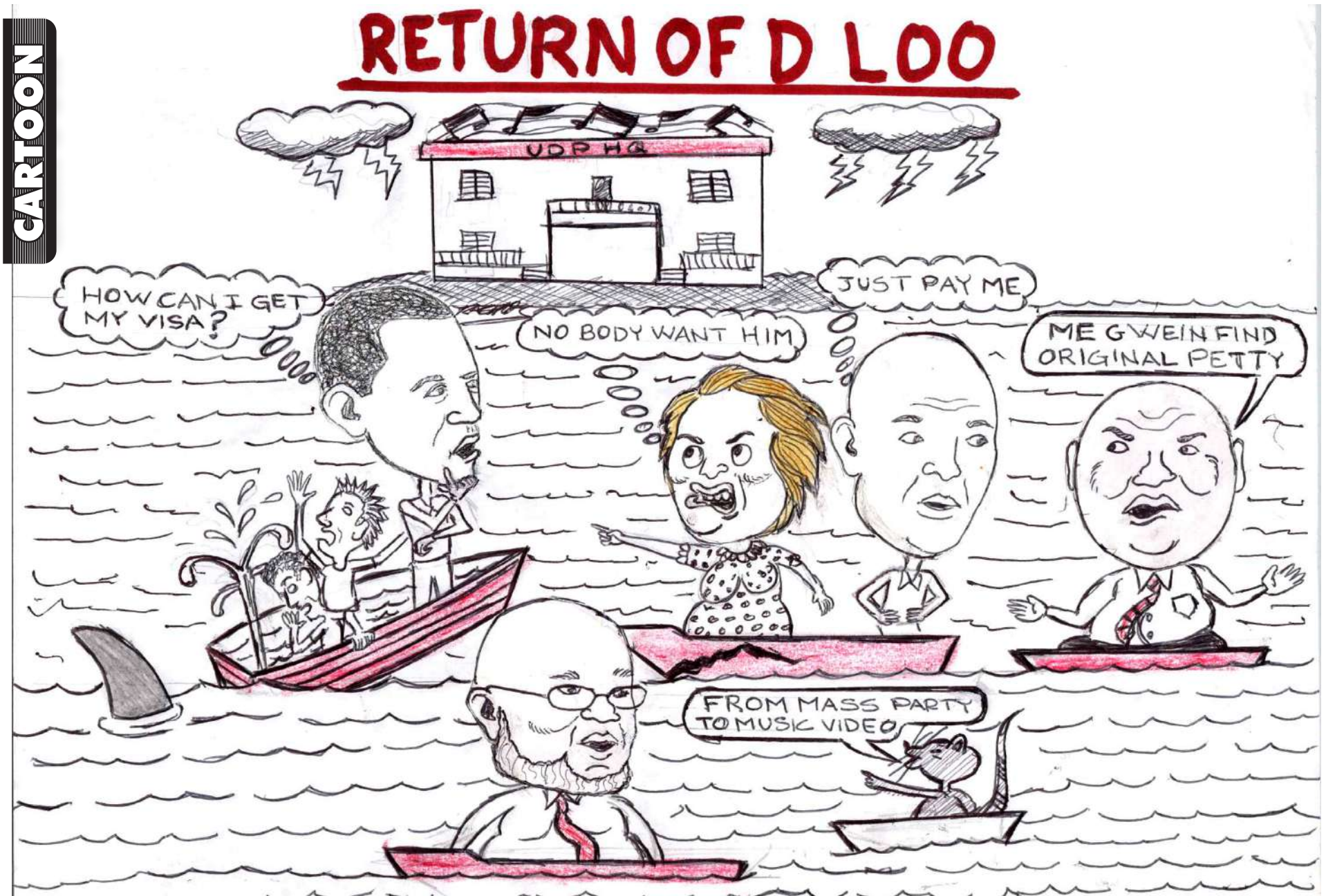
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Briceño-Sheinbaum Weekend Bilateral in Calakmul

While the John Briceño government rolls out another GST-Free weekends for Back to School savings at home, the planBelize visionary government, wont to thinking ahead, will be in Mexico meeting with popular Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo who commands seventy-five percent approval ratings according to most Mexican polls. Both leaders love their country yet both leaders are visionaries thinking and planning on how they can further integrate with the region knowing fully well that what is good for the region is immensely beneficial for their respective nations. Guatemala's president César Bernardo Arévalo de León will also join them in a trilateral meeting where the Tren Maya mega-project will be the at the centre of the deliberations.

During a recent 'mañanera', President Sheinbaum announced that on Friday, August 15, she will lead her daily morning press conference in the city of Chetumal, Quintana Roo, as part of an intense work agenda that includes bilateral meetings and a trilateral meeting with the Central American leaders, this according to theyucatantimes.com. The report also cites the announcement that she will travel on Thursday, August 14th, to the south of the country to begin activities on Friday morning in Chetumal. She will then make a brief visit to Guatemala to hold a bilateral meeting with President Bernardo Arévalo, a meeting that will last only a few hours. After her stay in Guatemala, Sheinbaum will return to Mexico to participate in a trilateral meeting between Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala in Calakmul, Campeche. Within this framework, she will also hold a bilateral meeting with Belizean Prime Minister Johnny Briceño, with whom she will discuss cooperation and strategic agreements.

The report further states that the president emphasized that Mexico maintains excellent relations with its neighboring countries along the southern border and anticipated that "good agreements" are expected to emerge from these meetings. Although she did not reveal specific details, she announced that official announcements would be made that same Friday as part of the scheduled activities.

The Mexican and Belize government seek to strengthen political, economic, and social cooperation promoting joint actions in the areas of regional development, trade, security, and assistance to the southern border. (excerpts from theyucatantimes.com)

As the Belize Times go to print this historic meeting is well on its way. We can follow the details on Belize Times Press Facebook page and further pictures and details in next week's publication.

GOB Prepares BPO Sector for Critical Transition

Belmopan, August 13, 2025.

The Ministry of Investment, through its Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), has been closely monitoring information from the United States of America regarding the proposed Keep Call Centres in America Act legislation currently under consideration.

Over the past several years, the Ministry of Investment in the Office of the Prime Minister has stimulated the growth of Belize's BPO industry through innovative policy directives and legislative amendments.

Since 2024, the Ministry has also been working with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Belize BPO Association to prepare strategies, initiatives, and policies to upskill and add value to the BPO industry. The Government of Belize's objective is to ensure a clear path for the continued growth of the BPO industry while counteracting any potential negative impacts from industry changes.

The Ministry informs the general public and stakeholders currently involved in the BPO industry that two projects are currently underway to transition Belize's BPO industry into a Global Digital Services (GDS) industry.

On February 4, 2025, a contract was signed between the IDB and Congenia CYL, SL, a consultancy firm based in Spain, to prepare Belize's Global Digital Services Investment Policy with a focus on the Orange Economy. The objective is to identify measures (policies and legislation), as well as programmes and activities, that will facilitate the growth of exported Global Digital Services in Belize. To date, the consultancy has shown that digitally deliverable services, including cloud computing, fintech, AI/machine learning, cybersecurity, telecom, and professional services, are experiencing rapid global growth, driven by connectivity, automation, and enterprise digitalization. Similarly, the creative and cultural services, such as film, design, publishing, animation, music, and digital content, are increasingly seen as critical pillars for economic diversification.

On April 1, 2025, another project contract titled "Consultancy to Enhance Belize's GDS Industry by Upskilling Entry-Level and BPO Professionals for Advanced Technical Support Roles," funded by the IDB and led by a consortium of Chamberlain Consulting Ltd (Belize-based), Socias Ltd. (Belize-based), and Rhics Ltd. (United Kingdom-based), was signed. The objective of the consultancy is to "Strengthen Belize's Global Digital Services (GDS) industry by developing and implementing a comprehensive skills development programme that equips the GDS workforce with advanced technical support capabilities." Thus far, the consortium has identified that the most in-demand and currently lacking skills in Belize are cybersecurity, data analysis, User Interface and User Experience (UI/UX) design, and cloud engineering. A curriculum addressing these skill sets is currently being developed, with training for 50 BPO professionals scheduled to launch in the coming months.

The Ministry urges the general public and BPO industry stakeholders to keep abreast of these programmes and to be prepared to take advantage of the initial 50 spaces for training over the coming months.

MAFSE Production

Farm to Table to Trading Powerhouse

The Belize Marketing Development Corporation expansion is signals a shift to Value-Added Export Growth. Belize's agricultural sector has taken a decisive step towards unlocking a new pillar of export diversification with the installation of a coconut processing unit at the BMDC facilities. This investment, paired with a strategic supply agreement with Mexico, is set to position coconuts—alongside rice, honey, and fruit pulps and maybe sugar—as one of the country's most competitive agricultural exports in the Caribbean and Central American region.

The addition of the processing unit transforms the BMDC from primarily an importer and manual packager into a fully mechanized, value-added processing hub. Over the past four years, the agency has modernized operations with forklifts, upgraded storage systems, and expanded product packaging options for honey, rice, and fruit pulps. This has yielded tangible gains: southern rice production has risen from 100,000 pounds of paddy annually to over 3 million pounds in just three years, while cooperatives now receive credit-based equipment support for beekeeping.

However, the most significant growth driver is the coconut industry. Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, announced that Belize is currently the only country authorized to export green coconuts with husk to Mexico—a market projected to absorb up to 30 million coconuts by Q1 2026. "Whether you have ten trees or ten thousand, you can supply BMDC," Mai emphasized, signaling an inclusive model that benefits both smallholders and commercial farms.

This development points to Belize's Real Comparative Advantage (RCA) in the region: agro-production and value-added processing of high-demand tropical commodities within a preferential market access framework. While many Caribbean nations rely heavily on imports for food security, Belize maintains a unique mix of arable land, year-round growing conditions, and proximity to large regional markets. By integrating value-chain consolidation, mechanized processing, and export market facilitation, Belize leverages both its agricultural productivity and its logistical positioning.

BMDC's integrated model—spanning rice milling, honey aggregation, fruit pulp production, and now coconut packing—mitigates one of the main barriers to smallholder profitability: market access. For rice alone, BMDC currently works with 180 farmers, sourcing paddy from the south and distributing packaged "Big Falls Rice" nationally. For fruits like mango, dragon fruit, soursop, and passion fruit, BMDC's new packaging options (2- and 6-pound buckets) open retail and export channels that were previously unavailable.

This approach aligns closely with PlanBelize 2.0, which emphasizes expansion of non-traditional crops, revitalization of shrimp exports (now tariff-free to Taiwan), and growth in value-added agriculture. By consolidating small and medium-scale production into export-ready batches, Belize is not just producing more—it is competing regionally on quality, scale, and reliability.

Agriculture's resilience during COVID-19 reinforced its role as the backbone of Belize's economy. With new export agreements, Belize is extending that resilience into a growth strategy—one that shifts from bulk commodity exports to branded, packaged, and processed goods capable of commanding higher prices and diversifying foreign exchange earnings.

The coconut initiative is emblematic of this transformation. As the first trial shipment to Mexico leaves in the coming weeks, Belize signals that it is ready to play a bigger role in regional food supply chains—not just as a grower, but as a value-added processor. In a Caribbean context where land constraints, climate variability, and supply chain fragmentation hinder agricultural expansion, Belize's RCA lies in being the regional hub for high-quality, tropical, value-added agricultural exports.

This comes as Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño's appointment of new ambassadors. Two noteworthy appointments are those of H.E. Katherine Meighan, Ambassador to the Republic of China (Taiwan), which comes as Belizean shrimp gains Tariff-Free access to Taiwan, and Dr. Henry Canton, Ambassador for Trade to the Caribbean Community. These changes were made as Belize shifts gears to become an integral producer in the region and enhance its productive capacity in the productive sector.

The implications go beyond economics. This model strengthens food sovereignty, uplifts rural livelihoods, and demonstrates how a small nation can convert natural resource abundance into a competitive export profile. If successful, the coconut export program could serve as a blueprint for other sectors—cementing Belize's place as a regional leader in sustainable, value-driven agribusiness.

BMDC Hosts Ministers for Tour of Big Falls Rice Mill

13th August 2025:

The Belize Marketing and Development Corporation (BMDC), a statutory body in Belize responsible for supporting and promoting the agricultural and agro-processing sectors, today welcomed a high-level delegation for an official tour of its Big Falls Rice Mill, a facility fully owned and managed by BMDC.

Leading the visit were the Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security, and Enterprise; the Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology; and the Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment.

The tour, conducted by the Toledo BMDC staff, provided an inside look at the rice milling operations, packaging facilities, and the wide range of products marketed under the "Big Falls Rice" brand. BMDC produces various rice types, including premium grade, paddy mechanized, paddy milpa, rice bran, and different grain sizes, all packaged in-house to ensure quality and freshness.

As a statutory body, BMDC focuses on marketing agricultural products, enhancing market access, and fostering sector development through initiatives aimed at boosting both local and international trade. Its mission includes ensuring food security, improving farmer livelihoods, and stimulating economic growth through sustainable practices and innovation.

During the visit, the ministers also viewed BMDC's expanded product line, which includes locally produced honey and the "Belize Jewels" fruit pulp, reinforcing the organization's commitment to the "Buy Local, Support Farmers" campaign.

The BMDC remains committed to working closely with farmers, cooperatives, and the private sector to ensure that Belize's agricultural products meet the highest standards and reach wider markets both at home and abroad.

Familiarization Tour of Departments

Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management

Minister Henry Charles Usher visits to Independence and Dangriga

LETTER TO THE Editor

BNTU's Silence is Deafening

Dear Editor,

Yet again, another teacher has been charged with the rape of a minor—and once more, the Belize National Teachers' Union (BNTU) remains silent. The silence is deafening.

BNTU, aren't you supposed to be the guardians and advocates for our children's safety in the classroom? You have demanded better salaries, fought for improved benefits, and even walked out when you felt your needs were not met. Yet, when our children—your students—are the ones in need of protection and justice, your voices vanish.

The public looks to you not only as a union but as a moral authority in education. When a teacher violates the trust placed in them, it damages the integrity of the profession and shatters the lives of our children. Your failure to speak out and condemn these actions sends a dangerous message—that silence is an acceptable response to such heinous acts.

What will it take for you to act? A union that can mobilize for salaries and working conditions should also mobilize for the safety and dignity of the very children they serve. Our kids deserve better protection, and a BNTU that stands for them without hesitation.

The time to speak out is now. Anything less is complicity.

Sincerely,
Concerned Belizean Parent

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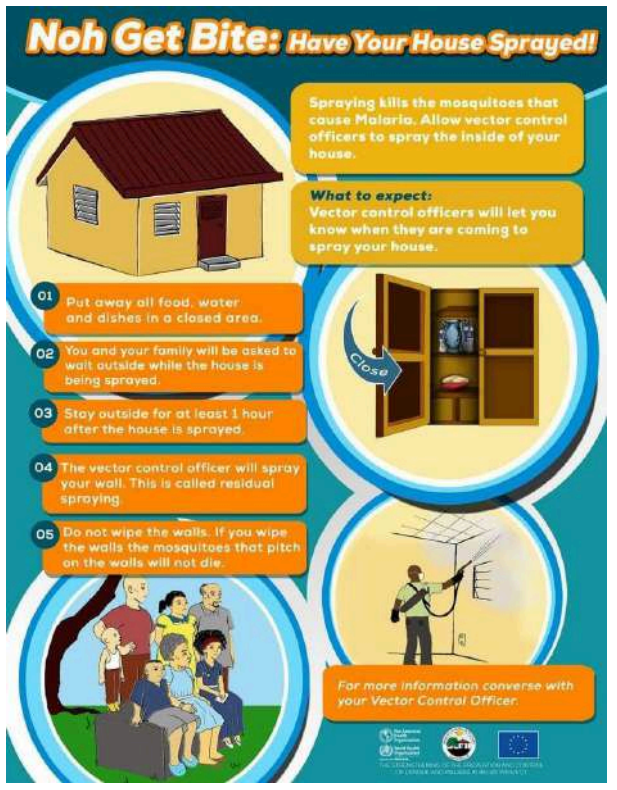
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For more information converse with your Vector Control Officer.

More Success in Summer Camps
5-Day Youth in Agriculture OWD

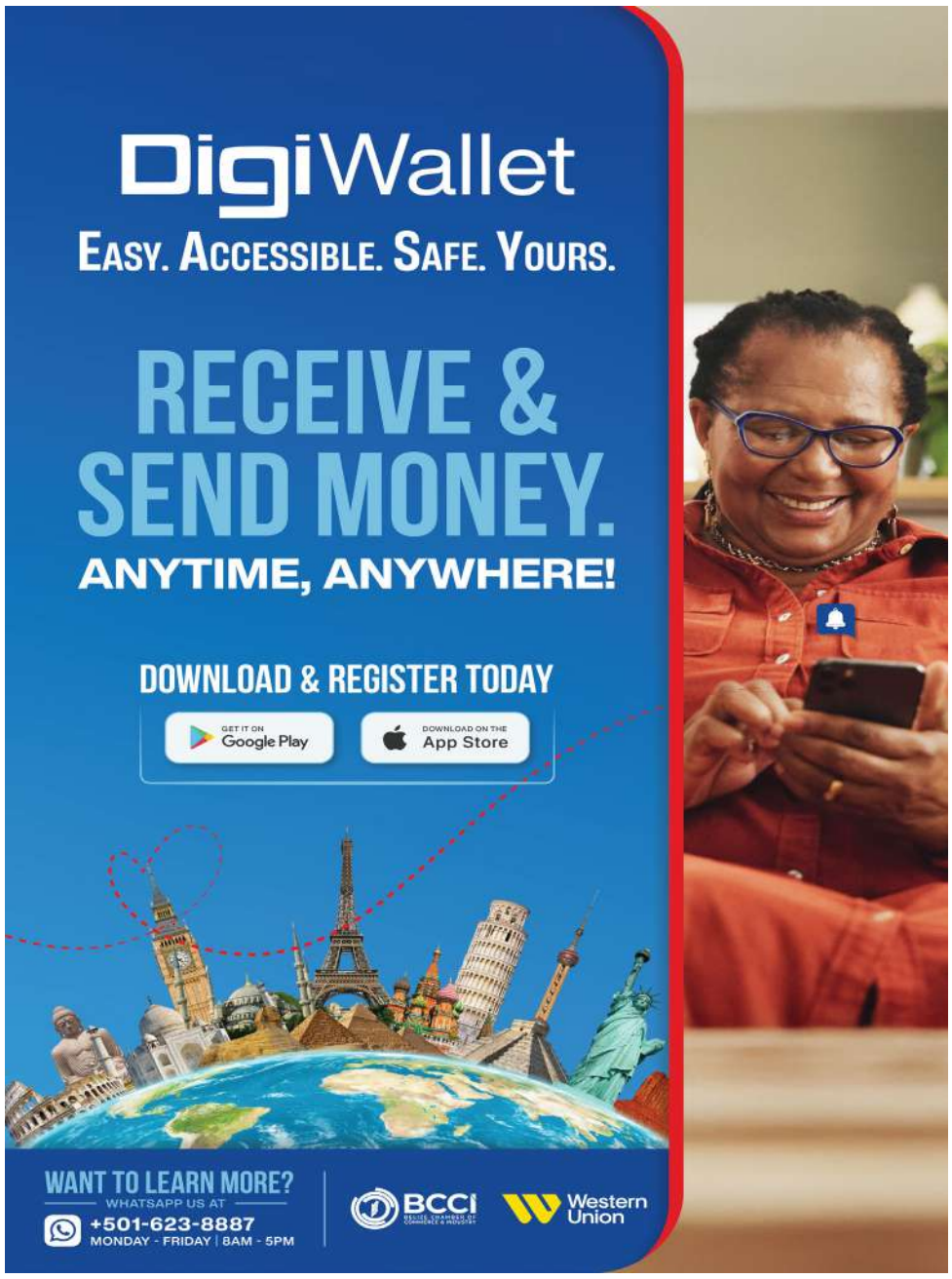
August 8, 2025

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, in collaboration with Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai, Minister of Agriculture, celebrated the successful culmination of the second annual Youth in Agriculture Summer Camp at the Yo Creek Agriculture Station.

Over the past week, more than 100 energetic children from Orange Walk South participated in an engaging program designed to introduce them to the exciting world of agriculture through fun, hands-on, and educational experiences.

Campers took part in a variety of activities including gardening, livestock care, agro-processing, and interactive lessons that combined agricultural theory with practical application. From planting seedlings to learning about soil health, participants explored the many dimensions of agriculture while developing teamwork, problem-solving skills, and a deeper appreciation for the sector's role in food security.

The closing ceremony recognized the campers' enthusiasm and dedication, with certificates of participation presented to each child. The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing the next generation of agricultural leaders, emphasizing that agriculture is not only a profession, but also a way of life filled with innovation, discovery, and opportunity. (Post)



BMP Special Olympics Summer Camp – A Memorable Closing!

Deputy Coretta Banner, with the portfolio of Diverse Abilities, and the Belmopan City Council, in collaboration with Special Olympics, the Belmopan Sports Council, and Belmopan Community Policing, held a week of activities dedicated to persons with special needs — filled with sports, fun, and empowerment.

Today marked the closing of this incredible Summer Camp, where participants proudly received their certificates, celebrating their hard work, growth, and unforgettable spirit.

We were also honored to have the 8 beautiful delegates of Miss Belmopan 2025 join the celebration, sharing smiles, encouragement, and community pride.

Deputy Coretta Banner, together with His Worship Mayor Pablo Cawich, the Councilors, and the Belmopan City Council, extend heartfelt thanks to Paradise Café and the Belmopan Market Plaza for their generous sponsorship, and to all who contributed to the success of this meaningful event. Your support made a lasting impact.

STEAM Into Summer 2K25!

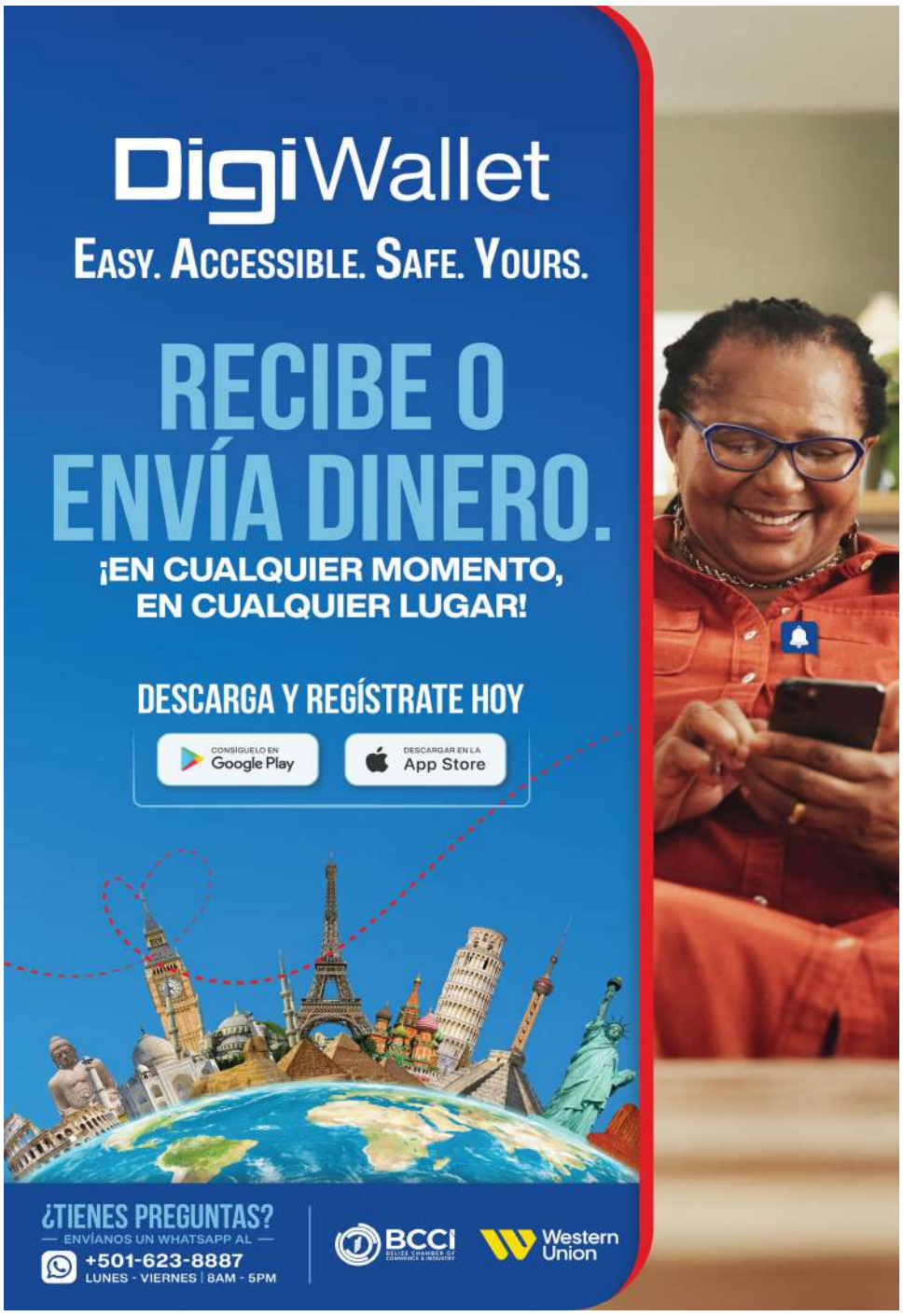
That's a wrap!

It was a joy to sponsor scholarships for our Corozal Bay children to explore, build, and dream big through this hands-on, minds-on program. From robotics to creative design, our young minds shined bright and reminded us that the future of Belize truly begins right here at home.

To all the little innovators: keep dreaming, keep creating. The sky is just the beginning.

Bella Vista Animation Boot Camp 2025 Empowering Women in Technology

The inauguration of the Animation Boot Camp 2025 was held in Bella Vista Village, Toledo on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. The initiative is being sponsored by The Taiwan Technical Mission, Investment Policy and Compliance Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister and Investment, and Creative Imageries Motion Art Studio.



Minister Usher Meets with UN Coordinator's Office Strengthening Working Relationship

August 12, 2025 - The Minister of the Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, hosted a high-level coordination meeting yesterday with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Mr. Raul Salazar, and Deputy Resident Coordinator, Mr. Michael Lund, at the Ministry's conference room in the Sir Edney Cain Building.

The discussions focused on strengthening the Ministry's working relationship with the United Nations, identifying areas for deeper cooperation, and exploring opportunities for upcoming projects in Belize under the UN's framework. Key topics included advancing good governance initiatives, enhancing disaster risk management capabilities, and aligning efforts to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Belize.

Minister Usher expressed appreciation for the UN's ongoing support to Belize and emphasized the importance of building resilient communities through coordinated national and international efforts. He also highlighted the significant role the upcoming UN-led projects could play in enhancing disaster preparedness and response, particularly in the context of climate change.

Mr. Salazar reaffirmed the UN's commitment to partnering with the Government of Belize, noting that effective collaboration is essential to addressing shared challenges, such as climate change, disaster preparedness, and public service modernization. He also expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming initiatives, which will be designed to bring tangible benefits to the people of Belize.

Also in attendance was National Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Daniel Mendez. He underscored the critical importance of integrating emergency management strategies into these future initiatives.

The meeting concluded with the parties agreeing to maintain close communication and continue pursuing joint projects that will positively impact the country and its people. (release)

VACANCY NOTICE

LEGISLATURE – NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

POSITION: DEPUTY CLERK

Application are invited from suitable qualified persons to fill (1) position of Deputy Clerk for the Legislature at the National Assembly.

The National Assembly is the Legislature or Parliament of Belize. It consists of two Houses, that is, the Senate (Upper House) and the House of Representatives (Lower House). The thirty-one (31) Members of the House of Representatives are elected in a general election under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act.
Meanwhile, the thirteen (13) Members of the Senate are nominated and appointed by the Governor General of Belize, in accordance with the Constitution of Belize.
The National Assembly Staff (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2003, define how staff of the National Assembly are governed.

Basic Purpose of Position:

Overview of the Position
The Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly of Belize (the Parliament) is a senior administrative and procedural officer of the parliament, supporting the Clerk of Parliament
in managing the operations of the legislature. The role of the Deputy Clerk is essential in ensuring efficient conduct of parliamentary procedures, effective administration of
parliamentary matters and to provide for continued operational management in the absence of the Clerk of the National Assembly.

1. **Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

1. **Procedural Support**
   - Assists the Clerk in advising the Presiding Officers, Members of Parliament (MPs), and parliamentary committees on rules, procedures, and constitutional matters
   - Supports the preparation and review of parliamentary agendas, order papers, reports and minutes of proceedings.
   - Assists the Clerk in ensuring all MPs receive the Order Papers and all relevant documents required for House and Senate meetings
   - Assists the Clerk in ensuring that notices and communiques are issued before every sitting of the House of Representatives, Senate and Parliamentary
     Committee Meetings
   - Ensures compliance with parliamentary rules, standing orders, and constitutional provisions
   - Ensures the proper records management and maintenance of official parliamentary debates (Hansard) and other legislative documents
   - Deputizes for the Clerk when needed on all procedural and legislative support to members of parliament

2. **Administrative and Management Responsibilities**
   - Assists the Clerk with the the day-to-day administration of the Parliament and its staff
   - Supervises parliamentary staff, ensuring efficiency and professionalism
   - Works with the Clerk on recommendations for the development of processes and administration of the National Assembly and its staff
   - Coordinates parliamentary budgets, financial management, and resource allocation for the Legislature and
   - Assists the Clerk with the development of annual budget estimates

3. **Coordination and Public Engagement**
   - Acts as the primary liaison officer between Parliament and the executive, judiciary, and other stakeholders
   - Facilitates communication between the House and the Senate, parliament and the public, including media relation
   - Oversees the visits, outreach programs, and educational initiatives to promote public understanding of the parliament's work.
   - Works with the Clerk on Branch Secretary duties for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and its networks, FOPREL, Inter-Parliamentary Union,
     ParlAmericas and any other parliamentary networks where applicable and identified by the Clerk
   - Serves as Secretary to the National Assembly Staff Committee

4. **Support to Parliamentary Committees**
   - Works with the Clerk to Committees and provides administrative and procedural support to parliamentary committees
   - Ensures proper documentation of committee meetings, reports, and recommendations
   - Advises committee chairs and members on best practices for conducting inquiries and debates

2. **The Candidate should possess the following qualifications and skills:**

Skills and Experience Required:

- Strong knowledge of constitutional law, parliamentary procedures, and governance would be an asset
- Good organizational, leadership, and communication skills
- Experience in legal, administrative, or legislative affairs
- Ability to work in a politically neutral and professional manner
- Strong research and analytical skills
- Minimum of 5 years in Supervisory or Management Level
- Fluency and competency in the English Language. Working knowledge of the Spanish language would be an asset

Reporting/Supervisory Responsibility:

- Accountable to the Clerk, Presiding Officers and the National Assembly Staff Committee
- Liaises regularly with the Cabinet Secretary for meetings of the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- Annual Performance Appraisal is conducted by the Clerk of the National Assembly

Special Work Conditions (where applicable):

The Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly works in a unique and highly demanding environment that requires flexibility, confidentiality and political neutrality. The Deputy
Clerk often works beyond regular office hours especially during parliamentary sessions, debates and committee meetings. The Deputy Clerk may be required to work
weekends, holidays, late nights or early mornings depending on parliamentary schedules. The Deputy Clerk must handle confidential government and legislative information
with discretion and is expected to remain impartial and professional despite political tensions and disagreements.

Academic Qualification:

- Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Public Administration Management or Organizational Management
- Parliamentary Procedures Training at the Certificate Level would be an asset

3. **Salary:**

Equivalent to Government's Payscale 24 of $42,000 x 1,644 - $73,236 per annum.

Deadline for applications

Interested persons who are in possession of the required qualification and experience and have the aptitude for the post of this nature are requested to submit a complete
application package which must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, copies of relevant qualifications, a copy of a recent Police record to The Clerk, National Assembly,
Price Centre Road, Belmopan, no later than 5th September, 2025.

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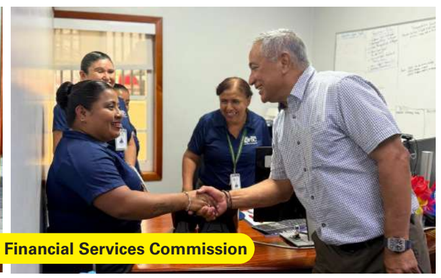
Prime Minister John Briceño, OW Central & OWTC

w/ Min Mahler, Sports: Site Visit to the People's Stadium

Celebrating 25 years with the Financial Services Commission



Fonseca St. OW Aug-6 morning

SSB Annual Scholarship Awards

Fonseca St. OW Aug-6 evening, paving coming up

PM with Minister Fonseca, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, & Immigration
Annual 'HOME'; Ambassadors briefed by PM

Min. Henry C. Usher, Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management
Familiarization Tour in the South

Min. Francis Fonseca, Culture

Supporting Benque's CACHE's vision: Heritage Site declaration for Centennial Park

Min. Kareem Musa, Home Affairs & New Growth Industries

Fifty motorcycles representing more Citizen Security

Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez, Corozal

Annually supporting education at the onset of the year

Hon. Marconi Leal, Jr., Belize Rural North

300 lots empowering his constituents

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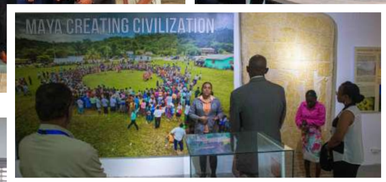

Belize City–Miramar Sister City Exchange

Punta Gorda Village Council

Drainage Work by the Mike Espat Bridge

Hon. Zabaneh, in Dangriga w/ Hon. Julius Espat, MIDH

Collaboration in expansion in the constituency

Min. Florencio Marin, Local Government

w/ Orange Walk Town Council

w/ Belize City Council

right on track

'Vamos Bien in 2025'

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Sizzling Summer Camps 2025

We were wrong, Summer Camps continued STRONG into August, still from cool swimming, Agric for Youths, Boat Rides, visiting Museums, to exhilarating sports, coding, drone flying and full STEAM activities, this year the kids have been begging for more up to September 1 the opening of Primary Schools and August 25, the opening of most Secondary Schools.

In Belize City, as part of the Belize City Council and the Child Advisory Body Belize City's Math & English Summer Program, a group of our curious and creative campers had the exciting opportunity to visit the Museum of Belizean Art (MOBA), located in the historic former Government House.

MOBA is Belize's first official art museum, proudly showcasing the nation's vibrant and evolving artistic identity. During their visit, our campers explored 68 captivating pieces from Belize's National Art Collection, each telling a unique story of culture, creativity, and imagination. It was truly inspiring. The Belize City Council, gives special thanks to the National Institute of Culture and History National Institute of Culture and History (NICH) and the team at the Museum of Belizean Art for warmly welcoming our campers and allowing them this meaningful experience. (excerpts of post)

The truth is that a lot of effort is put by regular knowledgeable persons and institutions, not necessarily teachers, who share their knowledge with our futures.

Many thanks to all of them and let's start planning next year. Many thanks of course to the parents who put their trust in the system of Summer Camps. ALL the hype about kids in trouble should be trumped by all the Summer Camps that are BIG SUCCESS STORIES. Still more effort is needed to bring down erase any negatives in Sizzlin Summer 2025.

Our kids deserve the best experiences as they begin to form the future Belize.

PAHO Caribbean is in Belize.

To strengthen women's health in Belize, PAHOBelize handed over 10 colposcopes to the Ministry of Health & Wellness for cervical-cancer screening and diagnostics across the country.

These medical devices will enhance the Ministry's capacity to detect cervical cancer early, reinforcing its commitment to equitable access to quality healthcare, especially for women and girls.

Together, we continue to improve the quality and responsiveness of health services in Belize.

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Public Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Banknotes to Enter Circulation on 4 August 2025

Belize City, 8 July 2025: The Central Bank of Belize is pleased to announce that the new 2025 banknote series will officially enter circulation on **4 August 2025.**

The new series includes enhanced security features, updated themes, and new portraits, reflecting the nation's heritage and safeguarding the integrity of Belize's currency. While the banknotes will have a new look, the exchange rate remains unchanged at BZ$2 to US$1.

Since the design reveal in January, the Central Bank has been actively engaging schools, businesses, financial institutions, and the public through education and outreach activities. "We have worked diligently to ensure a smooth and secure rollout. We want every citizen to feel confident using the new banknotes," said Governor Kareem Michael.

The new banknotes will be available at all domestic banks on the date of circulation. However, the new banknotes will not be available at all ATMs, as ATMs continue to be configured. All ATMs are expected to begin dispensing the new banknotes shortly after the circulation date.

Existing banknotes will remain legal tender. However, the Central Bank strongly encourages the public to deposit them at their financial institutions, so that they can be phased out of circulation.

We thank the public for their continued cooperation and support as we transition to this new series. To learn more about the new banknotes, visit **www.centralbank.org.bz.**

New Look, Same Value!

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Nationwide Teachers Workshop 2025

"Belize's Industries, focusing on Agriculture and MEAs"

8th August 2025 - The Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology is hosting a teacher's workshop under the theme "Belize's Industries, focusing on Agriculture and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)." The Department of the Environment (DOE) and UNICEF are pleased to join and support this initiative, contributing their expertise to enrich the learning experience for participants. This workshop took place in all districts from August 5-12, 2025 and is equipping 179 primary school teachers with tools to educate future generations about sustainable development and environmental stewardship.

Information for the training is taken from three national publications: the recently updated Wealth Untold educational textbook, the National Strategy and Action Plan for reporting to Chemical Related MEAs, and the Child Environmental Health Study. These three publications contain updated national information and can be downloaded from the DOE's webpage at www.doe.gov.bz. The Wealth Untold is an exceptional schoolbook which has been updated with national environmental and natural resources information for primary school teachers and students, and it also includes reading comprehension, activities, and quizzes. Teachers are awarded CPD hours through the Teacher Learning Institute (TLI) for successful completion.

The workshop also highlights the role Belize's key economic sectors play in our national development and includes the agriculture and tourism sectors, identifying their impacts on the environment. Agriculture, which employs 16.8% of the workforce and contributes 14% to GDP, is explored in-depth, with emphasis on both commercial and subsistence farming, export value, and food security. Teachers are introduced to concepts of sustainable agricultural practices, such as composting, water conservation, and biodiversity protection.

With support from UNICEF, the DOE continues to strengthen environmental education across Belize by empowering teachers as key agents of change.

The Belize Forest Department NEMO Conclude a Basic Fire Training

Saturday August 9, 2025 - The initiative successfully enhanced the preparedness of 40 men and women from the villages of San Antonio, San Pedro Columbia, San Jose, Nah Lu'um Cah, and San Miguel.

This basic fire training was one of a series of training sessions that NEMO is conducting to create fommunity Emergency Response Teams in villages in Southern Belize, following the devastating wildfires of 2024.

This training was designed to build the capacity of community members to serve as effective responders in emergency situations. The curriculum included both theoretical and practical sessions, ensuring participants gained essential knowledge and hands-on skills in fire management.

Classroom Session: Topics focused on fire ecology, fire behaviour, tool usage, and suppression tactics. Participants also learned about fire prevention and the principles of responsible fires and prescribed burns.

Practical Session: A real-life field simulation was conducted at the Deep River Forest Reserve. This session reinforced team building, increased confidence, and provided participants with a deeper understanding of the factors that influence fire behaviour. Fire ignition and suppression techniques in a controlled environment were also practiced.

This training is a vital step in empowering local communities to protect themselves, their natural resources, infrastructure and livelihood. The skills and knowledge acquired by these participants will significantly strengthen their ability to respond to future emergencies.

The Forest Department extends sincere gratitude to the National Fire Service of Toledo for their unwavering support. To Mr. Dale Gomez of Thomas Gomez and Sons Logging Company for generously allowing the use of the Deep River Forest Reserve as the training ground.

Focus on 2025–2026 Crop Planning
National Vegetable Stakeholders Meeting

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise today hosted its National Vegetable Stakeholders Meeting at the Auditorium of the Ministry of Sustainable Development.

The meeting focused on the presentation of the 2025–2026 National Vegetable Planting and Harvesting Calendar, which outlines the official planting and harvesting periods for key priority vegetables, including potatoes, onions, carrots, lettuce, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, tomatoes, and sweet peppers. The calendar supports national production planning and guides import regulation decisions.

Participants also reviewed the performance of the 2024–2025 crop season, discussing the challenges faced by producers and identifying opportunities to improve productivity and market access. The session included the formal closure of the 2024–2025 crop season and the official declaration of the 2025–2026 crop season open.

Additionally, the meeting highlighted the seasonal weather outlook, helping to align planting schedules with expected climate conditions for the upcoming crop cycle.

The meeting brought together stakeholders from across the vegetable sector to promote data-driven planning, strengthen local production, reduce import dependency, and enhance national food security.(release)

Voice of the Common Man

SISTER CITY EXCHANGE: BELIZE CITY TO MIRAMAR
A Shared Vision for Municipal Development

By Hilly Bennett

August 2025

Mayor Wayne Messam and a delegation from the city of Miramar, Florida, made a courtesy call on Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council (BCC) administration as part of the ongoing sister city partnership with a weeklong visit. Mayor Bernard Wagner gave Mayor Messam and the city of Miramar delegation to Belize, the warmest welcome in the ambience of the city setting.

The dialogue resumed the following day with the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) engaging in what the BCC characterized as a dynamic exchange session, exploring how the cities can collaborate to drive private sector growth and opportunity. A presentation on the country's cultural and foreign policy priorities was delivered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture and Immigration, Hon Francis Fonseca. Di Bruwry was the site showcasing The Beer of Belize and its processing to the delegation, of one of the homeland industries. The tour wrapped up with the group meeting with the Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries, Hon Kareem Musa, the Police Commissioner, Dr. Richard Rosado and the CEO Sharole Carr-Saldivar discussing shared interest in public safety and youth engagement.

Not to be outdone by the celebration of the signing of the agreement with the cocktail hour in Miramar last year, the Belize City Council ended the visit in a festive and joyous cultural celebration. It featured the Garifuna Wabagari Dance Group and the sensational steel pan music. The momentous ending was not just a time of celebrating but one that reflects unity and a strengthened partnership that the Sister City Exchange represents. "It is a BRIDGE connecting hearts and minds across borders".

A partnership that is "Always 'Bout the People".

BELIZEAN ROOTS INSPIRING DIASPORA
BRIDGE
Growth Everywhere

Looking back, it was on August 21, 2024, on a sunny afternoon in the Florida municipality, when the Belize City Council officially entered into a Sister City Agreement with the City of Miramar, Florida, solidifying a 13-year friendship. The objective of the agreement is to foster cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and community development in the two cities and sets the stage for future economic growth. Similarly, B.R.I.D.G.E. (Belizean Roots Inspiring Diaspora Growth Elsewhere) suggest in the article by Calvin & Walterene Neal that "SISTER CITY agreements are symbolic yet powerful connections that foster cultural, educational and economic exchanges. For Miramar and Belize City, this partnership is significant." According to the article by B.R.I.D.G.E., both the cities share a rich cultural heritage and Miramar is home to a significant Belizean population. The signing ceremony was attended by Mayor Bernard Wagner, then Councillor and now Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller, Councillor Stephanne Hamilton, and Ambassador Sandhya Murphy of the Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations. According to a BCC post, representatives from Sister Cities International were also present for the signing of this significant milestone. The Belizean diaspora and the organization BRIDGE 501 were instrumental in the realization of the agreement. At the time Mayor Messam made emphasis regarding areas of development opportunities for Belize. From economic to technology to tourism and more, considering Miramar's conducive pro-business environment and existing industries.

This August's visit by Miramar's delegation to Belize follows the Belize delegation's trip to Florida last year aims to strengthen the important collaboration in the city-to-city relationship. Understandably, most of the discussion was aligned with Mayor Wagner's vision of transforming Belize City's development, including the concept of a smart city, in concert with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). BCC highlighted the city's infrastructure initiative which was encapsulated through a tour of the Belize City eRide depot, the pump station, and a tour of the City Hall.

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Notice is hereby given that the following companies has been struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved with effect from the date indicated:

Name of Company	Date
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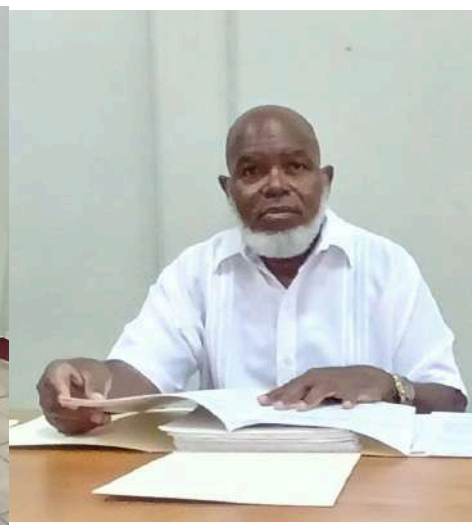
"As the Area Representative for Port Loyola / Minister of State for Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics, I spent over two hours on Monday August 4th combing through hundreds of pages of Gazettes at the Archives Department in Belmopan. The visit was very important to know exactly how much of A.W. Woods 34-acres estate on Neal's Pen Rd in Belize City the government acquired and surveyed in 1995 for the public purpose of city expansion and the exact boundaries and lots in the acquisition. The information is critical to determine who among over 40 residents of Port Loyola can apply to lease the land on which they have been living in Neal Pen Rd Ext from a year to over 25 years.



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PARENTS, TEACH YOUTH TO FISH INSTEAD OF JUST GIVING A FISH

In Belize City, parents are teaching their son of Creole and Chinese heritage in upper grade at the primary schools to be a responsible and to become a successful entrepreneur. This they are doing by allowing the opportunity to operate a Lemonade Stand in front of 4 Way Stationary on C.A. Blvd in Belize City for the latter part of his summer holiday.

(Hon. Gilroy Usher post)

Thea Garcia's Back to School Lauded in Corozal Bay

St. Francis Xavier School and other Primary Schools and individuals are extending heartfelt gratitude to the Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez for the generous donation of school bags to students. The excitement and happiness upon receiving them was truly heartwarming to the Representative and to her people. The children are eager to use them as they begin the 2025-2026 school year.

The school supplies and cleaning materials donated to the schools are definitely coming at the right time. These contributions will go a long way in helping schools prepare a clean and well-equipped environment for teaching and learning as it should be

Thank you, Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez, for your continued support and generosity to our school community. Everyone else can also take advantage of the 15th weekend GST-Free Back To School. Parents can truly curb down their cost of living.

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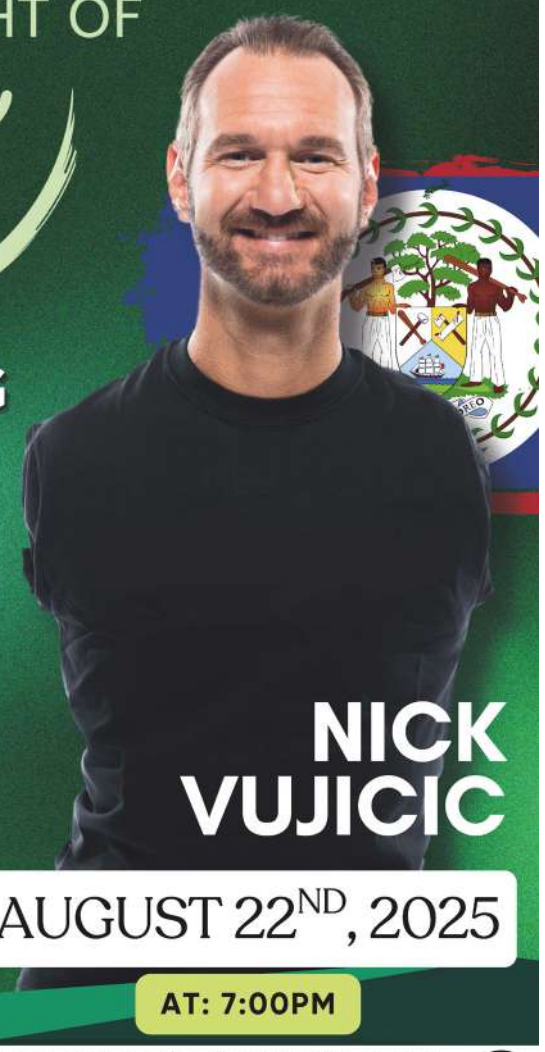

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August 14, 2025

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a. BTL is currently updating all contact information contained in the BTL Registry of Shareholders and;
b. Pursuant to Article 135 of the Belize Telemedia Limited Articles of Association, Shareholders who elect to receive dividend payments by bank transfer may forward a completed 'Request for Bank Transfer' form to BTL.

BTL Shareholders are asked to submit their updated contact information including; Residential Address, Mailing Address, Contact Phone Number, and Email Address.

Kindly submit all requests for bank transfer and updated contact details on or before **August 30, 2025**, via email to prdept@livedigi.com or by post to:

Public Relations Department
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Belize City, Belize

The Shareholders Update Form and the Request for Bank Transfer Form are available for download from the Digi Website (www.livedigi.com/shareholders)

For any further details or information, please contact the Public Relations Department at: prdept@livedigi.com

Community Unites for Peini Clean-Up "This is what community looks like"

Punta Gorda, Toledo – The Belize Youth Movement (BYM) - Toledo and Tour Guides Toledo extends heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who came together for a successful Seaside Clean-Up Day, making a tangible impact on the environment and strengthening community bonds.

From early morning efforts to bags of trash removed along the coastline, the day was a clear example of teamwork in action. The organizers applauded the Belize Defence Force, Fire Department, Agriculture Department, and the Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez Scholarship Recipients for showing up in full force to support the initiative.

Special thanks also go out to the Punta Gorda Town Council for their active participation and civic pride. The organizing groups expressed deep appreciation to Hon. Osmond Martinez – Toledo East, whose unwavering support and positive leadership significantly contributed to the day's success.

Recognition was also given to Mar Kus Jr. (MK) from Blue Spring, who generously donated water to the hardworking team, and to THRILLZ Restaurant & Bar for offering their venue as a base of operations and post-clean-up refreshment area.

"This is what community looks like," said one volunteer. "Different groups, one mission—to keep Punta Gorda clean and beautiful."

While the clean-up was a success, organizers remind the public that there is more work to be done. The next clean-up day will be announced soon. Until then, residents are encouraged to stay environmentally conscious and join hands in preserving Belize's natural beauty.

#ThankYouVolunteers #KeepBelizeBeautiful #CommunityStrong

COLLET DIVISION United Women's Group Sworn in August 13, 2025

President - Jackie Hemsley; Vice President - Michelle M. Gordon; Secretary - Hipolita Simpson; Assistant Secretary - Lafiya Leslie; Treasurer - Tiffara Bradley; Executive member #1 Mrs. Coretta Hernandez; Executive member #2 Ms. Michelle Anderson

Belize Youth Movement Belize District Chapter Swearing In

The Belize Youth Movement - Belize District Chapter is proud to announce that its executive team was officially sworn in on August 7, 2025, at Independence Hall.

This swearing in marks a significant milestone in the revitalization of the youth arm within the Belize District. The newly sworn-in executive team is committed to building a stronger, more inclusive, and youth-empowered future across all 12 constituencies in the Belize district.

BYM Belize District Executive Team: President – Mia Blair; Vice President – Rajiv Ramsey Treasurer – Darren Leal Secretary – David Middleton; Assistant Secretary – Kayla Young; Public Relations Representative – Jayelle Young Logistics Coordinator – Esau Ferguson.

The team extends sincere gratitude t o the People's United Party for entrusting young leaders to rebuild what once was and to shape what will be.

INVITATION

In the spirit of growth and collaboration, the BYM Belize District Chapter extends an invite to individuals to join their mission and work alongside them to ensure every constituency becomes and remains youth-friendly.

Public Roads, Public Safety: House Moves Now Restricted to Night Hours Only

Belmopan, August 6, 2025.

The Department of Transport (DoT), in its continued effort to ensure public safety and improve the flow of traffic across the country, is implementing new regulations on the movement of houses and oversized structures along public roadways.

In recent months, the Department has received numerous complaints from motorists and members of the public regarding the transportation of houses that obstruct roadways and pose significant safety hazards. These movements have led to severe traffic congestion, property damage and delays, especially during peak commuting hours.

Effective immediately, the Department of Transport will prohibit the transportation of houses and oversized structures on all public roads from Mondays to Sundays during the hours of 5:00 am to 9:00 pm. Movement will only be permitted between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. daily.

This measure is being put in place to minimize disruption to daytime traffic and to ensure the safety of all road users. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in immediate enforcement actions, including the impounding of vehicles, fines, and suspension of permits.

The Department of Transport remains committed to maintaining order and safety on Belize's roadways and asks all operators and the public to cooperate with this directive. For further information or to request movement permits, please contact the Department of Transport headquarters or your nearest Department of Transport district office. (release)

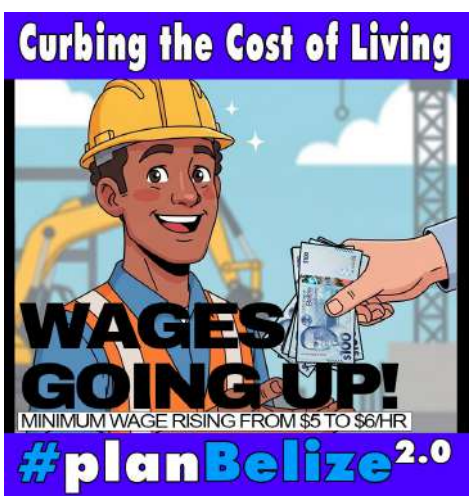
Big News for Belize's Culinary Scene!

The Belize Tourism Board's Elevate Training Institute just secured an American Culinary Federation (ACF) Property Membership, a first for Belize! Our top chefs now have exclusive access to global resources, networks, and world-class certification opportunities.

To celebrate, ETI launched a brand-new Culinary Certification Program in partnership with ACF and the Detroit Institute of Gastronomy. The first group includes 14 chefs from 9 leading hotels and restaurants across Belize, all working toward internationally recognized chef certifications.

This exciting step raises the bar for culinary excellence in Belize and strengthens our reputation as a top regional food destination.

For more information, please contact us at elevatetraininginstitute@belizetourismboard.org.



Improving Vision through AI Technology

BELIZE COUNCIL FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED
BCVI
Project for Strengthening Metabolic Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Systems

The Ministry of Health & Wellness is proud to continue our partnership with Taiwan through the Project for Strengthening Metabolic Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Systems in Belize.

As part of this collaboration, the Belize Council for the Visually Impaired (BCVI), the only dedicated institution in our national healthcare system providing specialized eye care services, has received an automated fundus camera along with AI-assisted diagnostic software capable of generating patient education reports.

This innovative technology will help us improve diabetic retinopathy care across the country, enabling earlier detection, better patient education, and timely treatment for those in need.

Together, we are taking important steps to protect the vision and health of our people.

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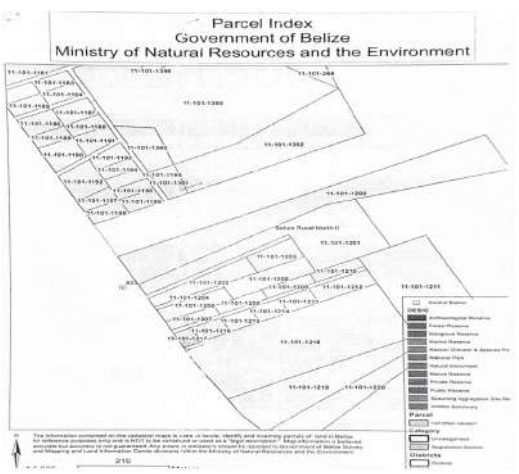

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

Consultancy Services – Phase I: Legal and Institutional Gap Analysis of the Labour Act

PURPOSE:

The Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), invites qualified consulting firms to submit proposals to undertake Phase I of the comprehensive review of the Labour Act, Chapter 297, Revised Edition 2020.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSULTANCY:

To conduct a comprehensive legal and institutional gap analysis of the Labour Act and related labour laws, identifying inconsistencies, gaps, overlaps, and opportunities for reform, and to provide recommendations aligned with ratified ILO Conventions, CARICOM Model Laws, and national development priorities.

SCOPE OF WORK:

The selected consulting firm will:

- Review the Labour Act and related laws
- Assess institutional frameworks and enforcement mechanisms
- Benchmark against ILO conventions and CARICOM model laws
- Conduct stakeholder and political economy analysis
- Present preliminary reform recommendations

DURATION :

Four (4) months – September to December 2025

QUALIFICATIONS

- Law degree (LLB) with at least 10 years' post-qualification experience
- Proven expertise in employment law, legal reform, and labour legislation in Belize or the CARICOM region
- In-depth knowledge of Belize's legal system and familiarity with CARICOM Model Laws
- Understanding of ILO Conventions and international labour standards
- Strong research, analytical, and stakeholder engagement skills

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Each proposal should consist of:

1. Technical Proposal -outlining the proposed methodology, work plan, timeline
2. Financial Proposal
3. Curriculum Vitae (CV) and professional references
4. Samples of previous, relevant work

Only complete submissions will not be considered. The full Terms of Reference can be requested by email at labour.comm@labour.gov.bz

Proposals must be submitted to:
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5163 University Boulevard
Belmopan City, CAYO

All submissions must be made by 12th September at 4:00pm

MET SERVICE MULTI-MEDIA TRAINING

The National Meteorological Service in Belize (NMS), in partnership with World Food Programme, is pleased to announce the Multi-Media Production Training of the NMS staff. This important training took place on July 29-30, 2025, at the NMS Conference Room.

The 2-day training brought together meteorologists/forecasters, weather observers, and electronic technicians to learn the applications of videography in Meteorology. The NMS staff covered areas of videography in Meteorology such as: Visualization, Real-time updates, Data for Science, Public Engagement, Videography for Weather Forecasting and Planning, Setting up and utilizing the equipment (camera, tripod, lens, boom mic, 3-point lighting, etc.), and Post-Production using Adobe Premiere

Each thematic session included presentations, videos, and hands-on training on the production process, including pre-production (planning, budget, and equipment), production (capturing the images and sound quality), post-production (editing, cleaning, filtering), photography, and graphic design.

The videography equipment purchased for the National Meteorological Service includes lighting-GVM 1200, a professional shotgun microphone, a portable boom pole, a tripod, an 18-35mm lens, a heavy- duty C-stand and boom pole holder, and a wireless lavalier mic. The equipment was sponsored by the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Project.

These new skills will help the NMS enhance our public engagement and outreach, as well as counter misinformation by providing accurate information that is crucial for informed robust decision-making. They aim to improve the provision of timely, accurate, and consistent weather and climate information in a way that is relevant to the audience, using different media methods to reach diverse groups.

DoE - UN Environment Programme

National Strategy to Strengthen Chemicals & Waste Governance

8th August 2025. The Department of the Environment (DOE), within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management, is hosting the final presentation of Belize's National Strategy and Action Plan for the Implementation and Reporting of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm, and Minamata (BRS&M) Conventions and the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) at the San Ignacio Resort Hotel. Collectively, these conventions control the manufacturing and entry of harmful chemicals and waste into member countries.

Developed through a project funded by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Strategy and its Action Plan aim to strengthen Belize's ability to meet its obligations under the BRS&M Conventions and the GFC. These obligations are related to chemical use in the industrial, agricultural, and other key economic sectors.

The event brought together a cross-section of stakeholders, including government, civil society, the private sector, academia, and international development partners. Participants were introduced to the Draft Integrated Chemicals Management Bill; a proposed Law aimed at modernising chemicals and waste governance in Belize.

Once enacted, the Bill is expected to improve regulatory coordination and provide a strong foundation for the sound management of chemicals across all sectors.

The keynote address was delivered by Hon. Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management, who highlighted the importance of collective action in implementing the Strategy and achieving national and global environmental goals. Opening remarks were delivered by Ms. Nicole Caesar, Programme Officer with the UNEP Special Programme, who reaffirmed UNEP's continued support for Belize's efforts to strengthen chemical safety and environmental health.

The Strategy and Action Plan will allow the DOE to strengthen national coordination and improve management of chemicals and waste in a way that safeguards public health, protects the environment, and supports sustainable national development. The DOE extends its sincere appreciation to all stakeholders and partners for their continued engagement.

(release)

Launch in Belize City
Belize Public Transport Ridership Card

Belize City took another leap toward modern, sustainable transportation on Thursday, August 14th, 2025, with the official launch of the Belize Public Transport Ridership Card under the E-Mobility Pilot Project. The event, held at the Belize City eRide Depot, brought together government leaders, international partners, and private sector stakeholders to celebrate what many hailed as a historic step in transforming the nation's public transport system.

Mayor Bernard Wagner reflected on the journey since 2018, when neither the eRide Depot nor the now-iconic green electric buses existed. "When we rolled out the electric buses with our EU partners, we knew it was a bold move… Here we are, just 12 months later, and those buses have carried over 180,000 passengers — a 180,000-statement that Belize City is ready to lead," Wagner said. He emphasized that the Ridership Card goes beyond convenience, envisioning future integration for parking, taxis, water taxis, and even vending machines.

The card, powered by Digi Wallet, allows passengers to pay fares quickly and securely, reducing reliance on cash. Digi Wallet Marketing Manager Monique Ford Vicente described it as "a secure, cashless, and affordable payment solution," in line with their EASY Campaign for accessibility and user-friendliness.

UNDP's Deputy Resident Representative, Michael Lund, called the launch "another milestone" in creating a transportation sector that is "more modern, more inclusive, and sustainable."

Minister of Transport Hon. Louis Zabaneh highlighted the impact on both commuters and operators, noting that direct digital payments will improve financial sustainability for bus companies and reduce revenue leakages. "This initiative is more than technology — it's about efficiency, inclusivity, and progress," Zabaneh said, framing the project as part of a larger vision for a national, modernized transport network.

Funded by the European Union and implemented through a partnership between the Belize City Council, UNDP Belize, the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, and Logistics, and the Ministry of Transport, the Ridership Card launch builds on the success of Belize City's electric bus pilot.

As Belize transitions from manual fare collection to a streamlined, data-driven system, officials see the Ridership Card as the first step toward a fully integrated, cashless urban mobility framework. With its potential to expand across sectors and regions, the initiative marks not just a shift in payment methods, but the start of a new era in Belizean public transportation — one where innovation serves the people, efficiency drives operations, and no passenger is left behind.

You can now board your bus with a quick tap! The cards become available to the public downtown this Saturday, August 16, at the Downtown Super Sale.

Celebration Contribution NCC to the Municipalities

Today, Hon. Francis Fonseca, in his capacity as Minister of Culture and Chairman of the National Celebrations Commission, participated in the Carnival@50 Celebrations held at the Bliss Centre for the Performing Arts.

During the event, the Belize Carnival Association, with the support of the National Celebrations Commission, unveiled the Carnival GOLD Commemorative Magazine and the official Carnival@50 songs.

The Carnival GOLD Magazine provides an in-depth exploration of the history of Carnival in Belize and its significant social and cultural influence. The official songs, commissioned by the NCC, were composed and performed by Ernestine Carballo and TR Shine, both esteemed artists recognised for their sustained contributions to Carnival in Belize.

Minister Fonseca also presented a contribution from the NCC to the mayors of the nine municipalities. This financial support, amounting to BZ $15,000 per municipality, is intended to assist with the National Celebrations within each respective municipality. Hon. Florencio Marin Jr., Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government, joined Minister Fonseca for the presentations. (NCC post)

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San Joaquin/ San Maximo Village, Corozal District; Carmelita Village, Orange Walk District; San Pedro, Belize Rural North II, Belize District.

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Joaquin/San Maximo	1	296
The freehold property of Wilbert P. Linares		

2. **Parcel No. 1447 Carmelita Village, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:**

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Carmelita	4	1447
The freehold property of Mr. Roamir Edwardo Gonzalez.		

3. **Parcel No. 7092 San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize District:**

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	7092
The freehold property of Mr. Edilberto Reyes Jr.		

4. **Parcel No. 432 Belize Rural North II, Philip Goldson Highway, Belize District:**

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Belize Rural North II	11	432
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